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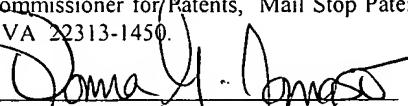
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under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

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Enclosed herewith is a new patent application and the following papers:

Inventor (or application identifier): **John Whitty and John T. Sickinger**

Title of Invention: **STRAIN GAUGE RETAINING ASSEMBLY FOR VEHICLE SEAT**

1.  Specification 14 pages (including specification, claims, abstract) / 22 claims ( 3 independent)
2.  Declaration/Power of Attorney is:
  - attached in the regular manner.
  - NOT included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
3.  This Application has 3 distinct sheets of  Formal  Informal Drawings
4.  Preliminary Amendment.
5.  Information Disclosure Statement
  - Form 1449
  - A copy of each cited prior art reference
6.  Assignment with Cover Sheet.
7.  Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s) (provisional and foreign applications):

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8.  Priority document(s).

9.  Small Entity Status is being hereby claimed.

10.  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission.
 

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- Paper Copy (identical to computer copy).
- Statement verifying identity of above copies.

11. Calculation of Fees:

| FEES FOR  | EXCESS CLAIMS | FEE         | AMOUNT DUE       |
|---|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))                            |               |             | \$770.00         |
| Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))                | 2             | 18.00       | \$36.00          |
| Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))           | 0             | 0.00        | 0.00             |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))                   | 0             | 0.00        | 0.00             |
| Subtotal - Filing Fee Due   |               |             | \$ 806.00        |
|   |               | MULTIPLY BY |                  |
| Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)  | 0.50          |             | 0.00             |
| <b>TOTAL FILING FEE DUE</b>                                       |               |             | <b>\$ 806.00</b> |
| Assignment Recordation Fees (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)) | X2            | 40.00       | \$0.00           |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL DUE</b>  |               |             | <b>\$ 806.00</b> |

12. PAYMENT is:

- The Commissioner is authorized to debit the instant filing fee, in the amount of \$ 806.00, and any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18, to **Deposit Account No. 19-0733**. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.
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13. All correspondence for the attached application should be directed to:

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14. Other: Application Data Sheet (3 pages) and Return Postcard.

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Date: February 25, 2009

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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| Application Number   | TBA          |
| Filing Date          | Herewith     |
| First Named Inventor | John Whitty  |
| Examiner Name        | TBA          |
| Art Unit             | TBA          |
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## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

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| 1001         | 2001         | 385             | Utility filing fee     |
| 1002         | 2002         | 170             | Design filing fee      |
| 1003         | 2003         | 265             | Plant filing fee       |
| 1004         | 2004         | 385             | Reissue filing fee     |
| 1005         | 2005         | 80              | Provisional filing fee |
| SUBTOTAL (1) |              | \$ 770.00       |                        |

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

|                       |    | Extra<br>Claims | Fee from<br>below | Fee<br>Paid     |
|-----------------------|----|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Total Claims          | 22 | -20             | = 2               | X 18.00 = 36.00 |
| Independent<br>Claims | 3  | -3              | = 0               | X 0.00 = 0.00   |
| Multiple<br>Dependent |    |                 | X                 | = 0.00          |

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## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

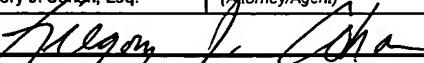
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| 1052                      | 2052         | 25              | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |
| 1053                      | 1053         | 130             | Non-English specification  |
| 1812                      | 1812         | 2,520           | For filing a request for reexamination                                     |
| 1804                      | 1804         | 920*            | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |
| 1805                      | 1805         | 1,840*          | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |
| 1251                      | 2251         | 55              | Extension for reply within first month                                     |
| 1252                      | 2252         | 210             | Extension for reply within second month                                    |
| 1253                      | 2253         | 475             | Extension for reply within third month                                     |
| 1254                      | 2254         | 740             | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |
| 1255                      | 2255         | 1,005           | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |
| 1401                      | 2401         | 165             | Notice of Appeal   |
| 1402                      | 2402         | 165             | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |
| 1403                      | 2403         | 145             | Request for oral hearing   |
| 1451                      | 1451         | 1,510           | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |
| 1452                      | 2452         | 55              | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |
| 1453                      | 2453         | 665             | Petition to revive - unintentional   |
| 1501                      | 2501         | 665             | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |
| 1502                      | 2502         | 240             | Design issue fee   |
| 1503                      | 2503         | 320             | Plant issue fee  |
| 1460                      | 1460         | 130             | Petitions to the Commissioner  |
| 1807                      | 1807         | 50              | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)                                       |
| 1806                      | 1806         | 180             | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |
| 8021                      | 8021         | 40              | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |
| 1809                      | 2809         | 385             | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))              |
| 1810                      | 2810         | 385             | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))           |
| 1801                      | 2801         | 385             | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |
| 1802                      | 1802         | 900             | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |
| Other fee (specify) _____ |              |                 |  |

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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)

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